

ABSENTEE VOTING

In South Carolina

If you will not be able to vote at your polling place on Election Day, you may be able to vote absentee prior to the election using your county voter registration office. Visit www.scvotes.org for contact information to your county office.

Reasons to Vote Absentee

- ◉ On vacation outside the county of residence
- ◉ Age 65 or older
- ◉ A student, spouse, or dependent residing with the student outside of their county of residence
- ◉ In the military or Merchant Marine
- ◉ A spouse or dependent of a person in the military or Merchant Marine
- ◉ A U.S. citizen residing outside of the United States
- ◉ Physically disabled or person attending the physically disabled
- ◉ For employment reasons
- ◉ Serving as a juror in a state or federal court
- ◉ Confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending disposition of case
- ◉ Poll watcher, poll manager
- ◉ Government employee residing outside county of residence, and a spouse or dependent residing with the employee
- ◉ Admitted to the hospital as an emergency patient on the day of the election or within four days before the election
- ◉ A death or funeral in the family within three days before the election

Absentee Voting at the County Voter Registration Office

You may vote in person until 5 p.m. the day before the election.

Absentee Voting by Mail

The voter can request an absentee application by mail, fax, or email.

Who Can Request an Absentee Application?

Other than the voter, an immediate family member, or someone acting on behalf of the voter due to an illness or disability.

When Are Absentee Ballots Available?

Approximately 30 days prior to an election.

Important dates

- ◉ After January 1 of the election year – applications can be requested
- ◉ Four days before the election, 5 p.m. – applications must be received
- ◉ The day before the election, 5 p.m. – in person absentee voting completed
- ◉ Election night, 7 p.m. – ballot must be received

How to Return the Absentee Ballot

The ballot can be returned by mail or delivered in person by the voter or someone else.

Assistance with Absentee Ballot

Voters who are blind and vote at the county voter registration office can use an ADA compliant voting machine featuring an audio ballot, headphones and Braille-embossed buttons. Voters who are blind, physically disabled, or unable to read or write may receive assistance in completing the application and ballot.

Military Voters and Voters Residing Outside the U.S.

Additional options for transmitting the applications and ballots to the voter registration office are available. Contact your voter registration office or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) website www.fvap.gov for further information.

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For more voter registration and election information, contact your county Board of Voter Registration or visit: www.scvotes.org.

Ask your county Board of Voter Registration for literature on any of the following topics:

- ⦿ **Voter Registration in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Access for Voters with Disabilities in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **1-2-3 Vote How to Use South Carolina's Voting System**

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